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A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The application was not granted.

Treatment of venereal cases in the General Hospital.

*249 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR ; Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state –

(*a*) whether a section is set apart in the General Hospital for the treatment of venereal cases;

(*b*) whether there has been any complaint as regards the treatment of the patients going there; and

(*c*) the arrangements, if any, that exist to prevent the possibility of such complaints?

A.—(*a*) Yes. A venereal block of 20 beds for females and 14 beds for males has been set apart in the Government General Hospital for the treatment of venereal cases.

(*b*) & (*c*) No.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" Sir, may I ask whether there have been any complaints from the general public about which my hon. Friend, Dr. Mallayya, has been complaining?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" We have not received any such complaints."

Mr. Abdul HAMEED KHAN :—" May I know whether the Government is contemplating the opening of clinics not only in the General Hospital but for the whole presidency?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" In the General Hospital venereal diseases are being treated and also in all hospitals."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" May I know whether the hon. Minister remembers that I put a question last year asking whether he was aware that women patients seeking admission in the General Hospital were subjected to indignities, by students of both sexes males and females, and that he replied that he would enquire into the matter? Now in answer to my hon Friend Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar, he said that no complaints had been received. May I know what action he took or he proposes to take to see that certain amount of secrecy is maintained in the treatment of patients in the General Hospital?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" I perfectly remember the statement of the hon. Member that women in the General Hospital were subjected to all sorts of indignities. But the statement of the hon. Member seems to be unfounded."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know on what basis the hon. Minister says that the statement of my hon. Friend Dr. Mallayya was unfounded? Is it based on any enquiries made by him and, if so, what was the nature of the enquiry or enquiries made?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" Enquiries were made from the officers in charge of the General Hospital."

Dr. (Mrs.) S. Muthulakshmi Reddi :—" May I know whether a woman doctor attends upon these women patients as it is done in other countries ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" A special department for the treatment of venereal diseases has been started."

Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar :—" May I know from the hon. Minister whether he would consider the desirability of having a lady doctor in charge of women patients ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" That is one of the important things which we will consider."

Dr. B. S. Mallayya :—" May I know whether the hon. Minister is prepared to verify the statement by the appointment of a committee of one or two men to enquire into the affairs of the General Hospital instead of taking the statement of the officers of the General Hospital as true ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" If the hon. Member takes the responsibility of putting it in writing, I will appoint a committee."

Drinking water well in the Sanda, hamlet of Chikkalakshmipuram, Harpanahalli taluk.

*250 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any drinking water well in the Sanda, hamlet of Chikkalakshmipuram included in the main village of Hire Myagalagiri, Harpanahalli taluk, Bellary district ; and

(*b*) if not, what distance the people of the hamlet have now to go to fetch their drinking water ?

A.—The Government have no information.

Mr. R. Nagan Gowda :—" May I know whether the information has been called for ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" I do not think it necessary to call for the information."

Prevalence of malaria in South Kanara, Malabar, etc.

*251 Q.—Mr. J. A. Saldanha : With reference to my question No. 1765, answered on 16th March 1929, will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Government have received a report of the Special Malaria Officer as to the prevalence of malaria in South Kanara, Malabar, the Nilgiris, Coimbatore and Salem districts ;

(*b*) if so, to what causes he attributes the spread of malaria ;

(*c*) whether he attributes it partly or wholly to the growth of forests ;

(*d*) what remedies he proposes for checking the spread ; and

(*e*) what action Government have taken on the report ?

A.—(*a*) The Government received reports of malarial surveys by the Special Malaria Officer of the following places in the districts of the Nilgiris, Malabar, South Kanara and Coimbatore :—

The Nilgiris ... Ootacamund and Coonoor municipalities.